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Please find following a Stock Exchange Announcement recently released.

Regards

Barbara Child

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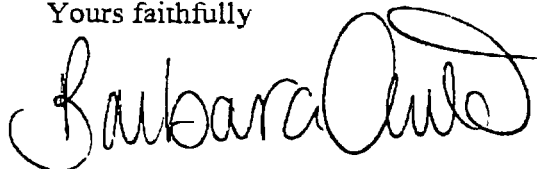
Dear Sir / Madam

Centrica plc – Section 198 notification from AVIVA
Rule 12g 3-2 (b) File No 82-4518

The enclosed document is to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Centrica plc (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g 3-2 (b) thereunder.

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Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
Centrica plc

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Centrica plc
20 August 2002

Centrica plc received on 20 August 2002 a notification dated 16 August 2002 stating that the holding of AVIVA plc and its subsidiaries has fallen below 3% and therefore ceases to be notifiable under Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

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